

KINGS VS. PEOPLE NOW WORLD-WIDE ISSUE— ALL ROYALTY UNITES IN LAST STAND

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Washington, March 20.—The kings of the earth conspire to keep monarchy still throned upon the world's brain. The people of the earth arise and kick all these schemes and devices into forgotten fragments.

One of the most colossal of these astute plottings went to pieces when the Russian people got tired of the fantastic yoke of the king business and cast the poisonous thing far from them.

Ever since that great day in July, 1789, when the Bastille fell in Paris, there has been a royal trade union to keep the kings on their jobs.

Whatever their countries might be forced to do, or seem to do, after that, all the kings of Europe have been bound together by a secret alliance and the ritual of their trade union.

One way to promote trade interests and keep the jobs was to link up the thrones by carefully made marriages.

Hence the German rulers, having an oversupply of princeling parasites on hand, started in early upon a deliberate fixed policy to Germanize Europe and keep it faithful to the worn out fantasy of monarchy.

After a century of that policy the result is seen in the fact that every king in Europe is either a German or has much German blood in his veins.

Wherever an heir to a throne has been sighted as approaching the marriageable age a German has been picked out for a consort.

To mention only a few of the achievements the king of England is a German. For generations German has been the household language of the British royal family. Queen Victoria spoke English with a marked German accent; German was her native tongue. Even Edward VII. was

not perfectly at home in the language of the country he ruled.

Three members of the British royal family are now bearing arms against Great Britain because they are German princes as well as British and their German allegiance naturally seems first to them.

The queen of Belgium is a German. The queen of Holland is of German descent and is married to a German. The poor, little man just taken by the scruff and lifted from the throne of Russia is seven-eighths German. His empress, who had to be hidden from the indignant Russian populace, was one of the vast army of German princesses that have been distributed about Europe. The king of Italy is largely German. The king of Spain is one of the big-jawed Hapsburgs. The queen of Greece is the kaiser's sister.

To do the work of reaction, uphold German influence and help along the great work of Germanizing everything, the female of this species was far more deadly than the male.

It was the German queen of Greece that ruined that country in the interest of Germany. She kept Greece from observing its treaty with Serbia; kept it from its obvious policy, which was to join the allies, and finally drove its king to plunge it into its present state of pitiable wreckage. There is a very ugly story afloat in Europe about the means she used to force the king to commit these historic blunders. Maybe it isn't true. But anyway she had her will, her grim Teutonic will.

It was the German empress of Russia that led and inspired the pro-German party there through the most astounding drama of intrigue, treacheries and betrayals that was ever known among men.

All the time the government of Russia was pledging faith to the allies and the soldiers of Russia were